

WILLIAMSBURG CITY COUNCIL
November 10, 2005
MINUTES

The Williamsburg City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Stryker Building.

ATTENDANCE

Present were Ms. Zeidler, Messrs. Haulman, Scruggs, Chohany and Freiling. Also present were City Manager Tuttle, City Attorney Phillips, and City Clerk Crist.

Staff Attending: Assistant City Manager Miller, Economic Development Director DeWitt, and Department Heads Nester, Serra, Walentisch, Yost and Weiler.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zeidler called the meeting to order.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Mr. Freiling moved Approval of the Minutes of October 10 and October 13, 2005. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Haulman.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Freiling, Scruggs, Zeidler, Haulman, Chohany

No: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PCR #05-025: Request of Temple Beth El for a Special Use Permit to Construct a One- and Two-Story Addition to the Existing Temple at 600 Jamestown Road. This request would replace the special use permit granted to allow the conversion of 106 Indian Springs Road from a single family dwelling to classroom use (PCR #05-013). Reference for this item was Mr. Nester's report dated November 10, 2005. Mr. Nester explained that the Temple is requesting a special use permit to construct a one and two-story addition to the existing Temple on Jamestown Road. A previously approved request to convert a single family dwelling into classrooms for the Temple is being withdrawn. Using a Powerpoint, Mr. Nester reviewed the site plan showing the location of the two-story addition. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on this request and recommended approval of the request. Mr. Vernon Geddy, representative for the Temple, will comment.

Mr. Vernon Geddy, III, 1177 Jamestown Road, represented Temple Beth El, said it was a pleasure to have the unanimous recommendation of Planning Commission for this request. He reviewed Powerpoint photographs of the Temple property, proposed elevations, and landscaping. The Loring Garden will be retained. The single family dwelling has been improved and may be used as the home of the Rabbi. He asked that Council approve this request.

Mayor Zeidler opened the public hearing.

No one wished to speak. The hearing was closed.

Mr. Haulman appreciated the thought that went into this project. It keeps the Temple in the city and returns the single family dwelling to the neighborhood. Council members concurred with Mr. Haulman's remarks. They appreciated that the single family home has been improved and this is of great benefit to the city and Indian Springs neighborhood.

Mr. Scruggs Moved that City Council Cancel the Previously Approved Special Use Permit for 106 Indian Springs Road (PCR #04-013) and Approve the Special Use Permit as Recommended by the Planning Commission. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Freiling.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Freiling, Scruggs, Zeidler, Haulman, Chohany

No: None

REPORTS

Monthly Financial Statement

The Monthly Financial Report was received and ordered filed.

Monthly Departmental Operating Reports

The Monthly Departmental Operating Reports were received and ordered filed.

City Manager Reports

Downtown WiFi Pilot Project

Reference for this item was Mr. Tuttle's report dated November 3, 2005. Ms. Miller said that City Council previously discussed the Wireless Fidelity (WiFi) system at their retreat in August and asked staff to research and develop the project for the downtown area. Mark Barham will provide the technical side of the project. The goal of the project is to provide free wireless access to the internet for visitors, citizens and students in the downtown area. It will be the first in the Historic Triangle. This project will bring 21st Century technology and convenience to an 18th Century environment, and will be launched in December. Ms. Miller explained how the WiFi system will be used, the benefits of WiFi, and the city's project partners and technical sponsors.

Mr. Barham provided an overview of the technical aspects of WiFi. Using Powerpoint, he reviewed the network map. Access points can be added and extended out of its current boundaries. The equipment used is obscure or located inside of buildings. Service can be limited in order to prevent abuse. A logo has been developed and WiFi will be marketed in our area. Mr. Barham showed an example of the website, which contains a welcome message from the Mayor and instructions on how to connect. (Powerpoint Presentation attached).

Mayor Zeidler thanked Ms. Miller and Mr. Barham for their presentations.

Council, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Barham discussed the city's partners in the service, marketing support, system operation and maintenance cost. Council members were interested in investigating possible expansion of the system into surrounding neighborhoods and the cost. Wireless service is becoming a necessity in today's business world and in the future. Installation/access into new construction projects such as High Street is possible.

Mr. Haulman noted that in the future, WiFi will be the “paved streets and sidewalks” of the 21st Century, and a service that communities will be providing for citizens.

Ms. Miller said a press release will announce the start of the WiFi system.

2006 Legislative Agenda, *Proposed Resolution #05-24*

Reference for this item was Mr. Tuttle’s report dated November 3, 2005. Mayor Zeidler said that Council discussed the Legislative Agenda last month and at the November 7 Work Session. One item was added to the Agenda regarding Voter Registration and Domicile. Mr. Tuttle said that he reviewed the proposed language regarding voter registration with Mr. Andrews (Voter Registrar), and he concurred with the wording. Mr. Andrews said that the Voter Registrars’ Association program may use similar language. Mr. Haulman said that the city may gain support from other college towns since they face the same issue.

Mr. Tuttle said the meeting with Senator Norment and Delegate Barlow will be scheduled for the first or second week in December.

Mr. Chohany Moved That City Council Adopt Proposed Resolution #05-24, A Resolution Supporting Certain Regional and Statewide Legislative Issues. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Freiling.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Freiling, Scruggs, Zeidler, Haulman, Chohany

No: None

(SEE ADOPTED RESOLUTION #05-24)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

License Taxes for Alcoholic Beverages, *Proposed Ordinance #05-23 (Postponed at the October 13, 2005 Meeting)*

Reference for this item was the Commissioner of the Revenue’s report dated November 3, 2005, which clarified some of Council’s questions posed at last months meeting. Mr. Tuttle said that Mr. Serra, Ms. Fuqua, and the City Attorney have reviewed the proposed ordinance and the necessary changes have been made. He recommended adoption.

Council members appreciated the review of the language.

Mr. Freiling Moved That City Council Adopt Proposed Ordinance #05-23, An Ordinance To Amend Sections 18-382 and 18-383 of Article X, Division 3 of Chapter 18 of the Williamsburg Code Pertaining to Licenses Taxes for Alcoholic Beverages. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Chohany.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Freiling, Scruggs, Zeidler, Haulman, Chohany

No: None

(SEE ADOPTED ORDINANCE #05-23)

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Mayor Zeidler noted that Council received a list of upcoming board and commission expirations prepared by the Clerk of Council.

*Mr. Haulman Moved that City Council Appoint **Ms. Miriam Schneider** to the Peninsula Agency on Aging, to fill the Unexpired Term of Mr. Arthur Sass to Expire September 30, 2007. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Freiling.*

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Zeidler asked for comment.

No one wished to speak. The session was closed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Approved: December 8, 2005

Jeanne Zeidler, Mayor

Shelia Y. Crist
Clerk of Council